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STAR WARS™ DARTH VADER



THE CHOSEN ONE

Part VI

It is a time of growth for the newly formed Galactic Empire. With the appointment of Palpatine as Emperor at the conclusion of the Clone Wars, the galaxy is finally at peace. But it is a peace based in lies.

The Emperor is actually a Sith Lord who has risen to power through secret machinations. He has brought on former Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker as his apprentice, giving him the Sith title Darth Vader, and rebuilding him with cybernetic limbs.

On his first mission in his newly constructed body, Vader took brutal damage, but defeated the Jedi he had targeted while retrieving a kyber crystal for his new lightsaber. Now, Darth Vader has returned to his master to learn his place in the new Empire....

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WHY,
LORD
VADER...



...YOU
HAVE **RUINED**
YOURSELF.



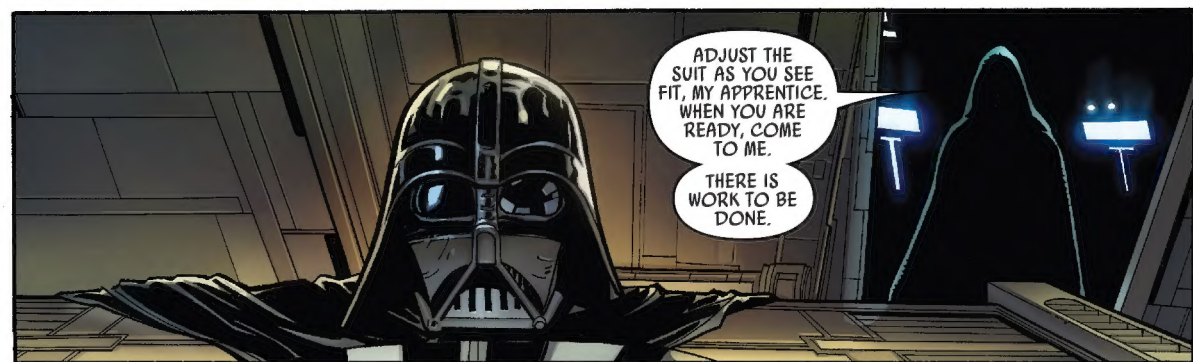
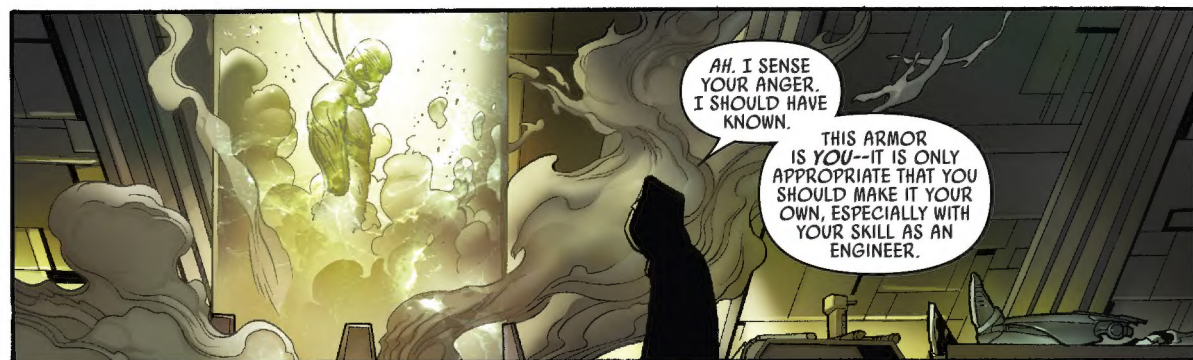
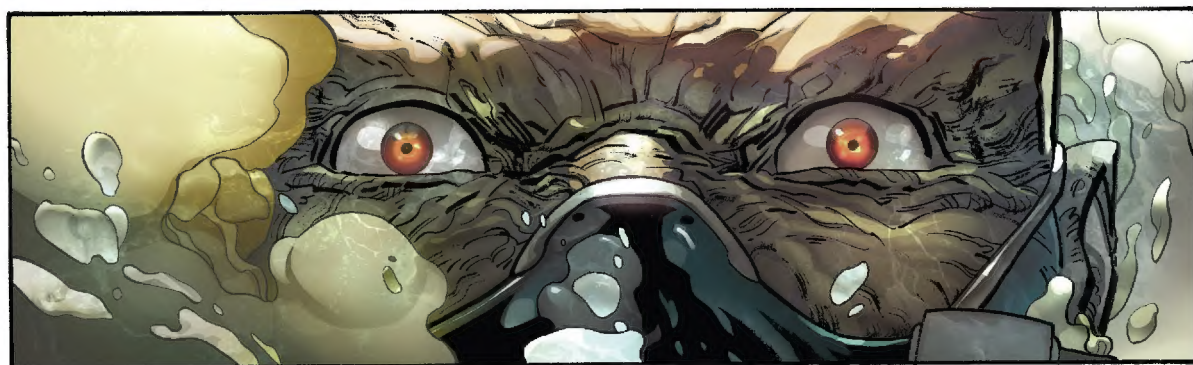
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MATTERS.

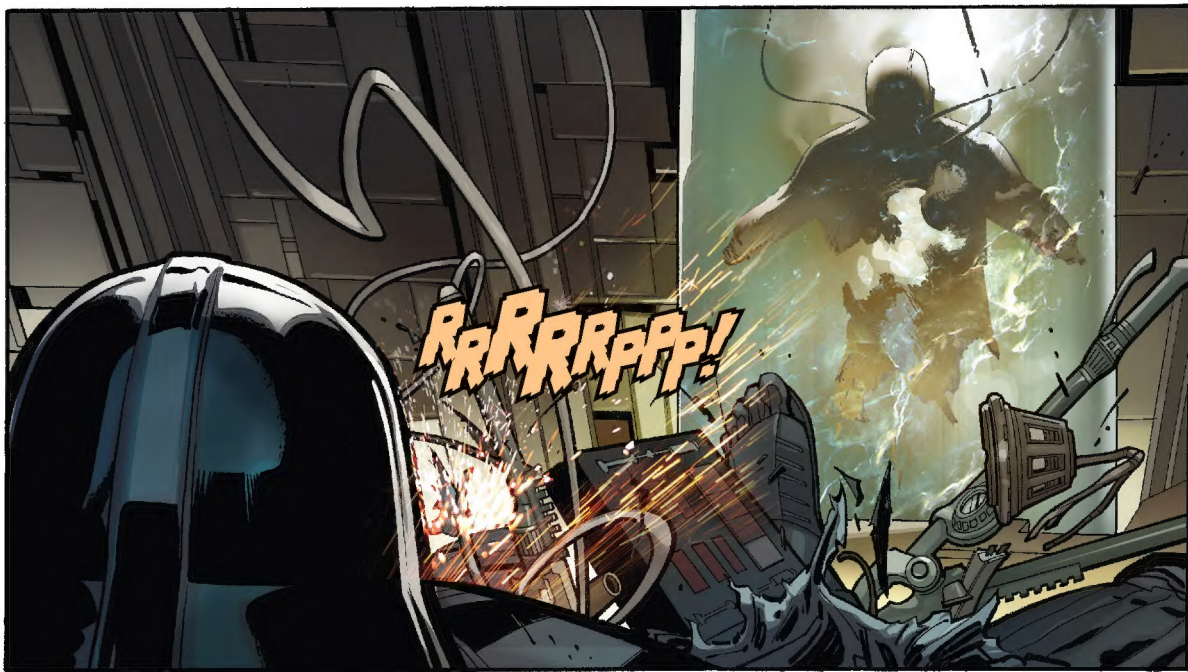
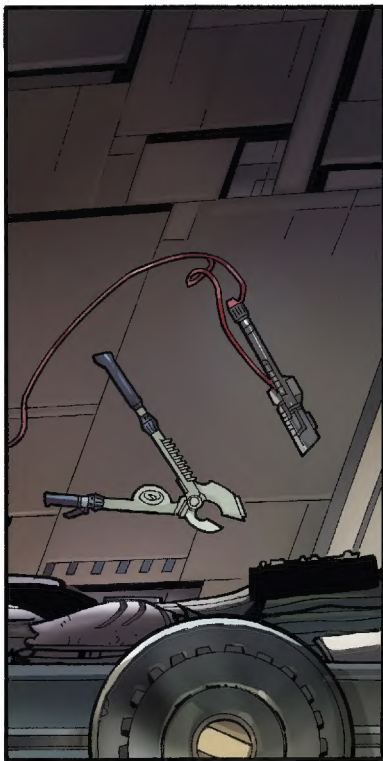
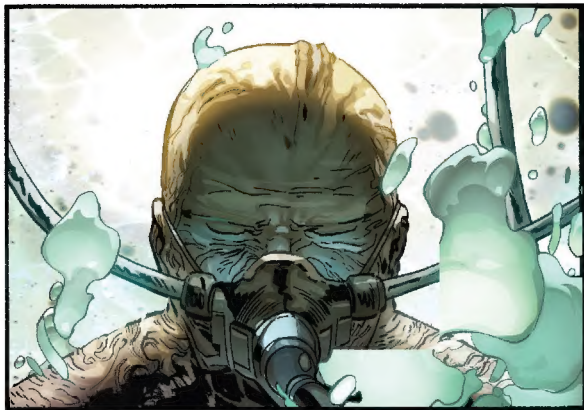
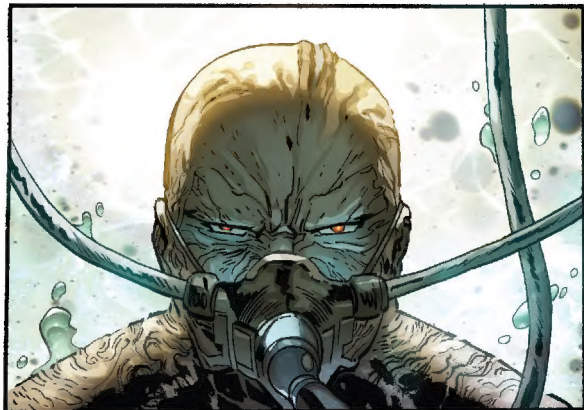
YOU NOW
POSSESS THE
WEAPON...



SSK!

...OF A
SITH.





The Former
Jedi Temple.



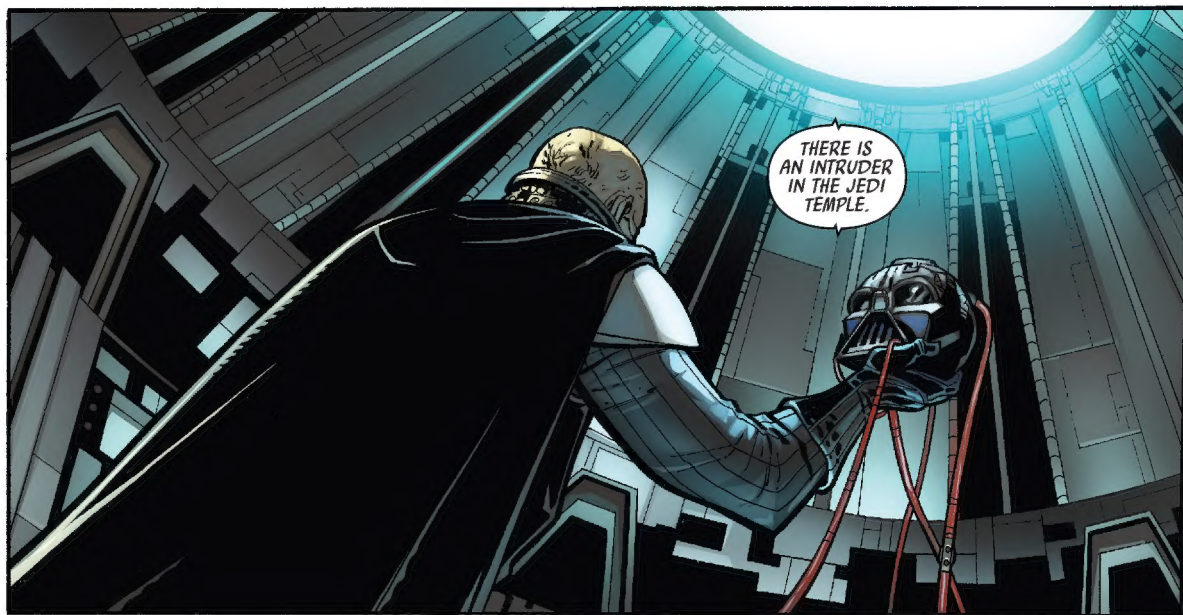
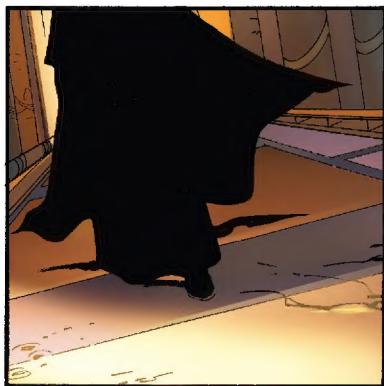
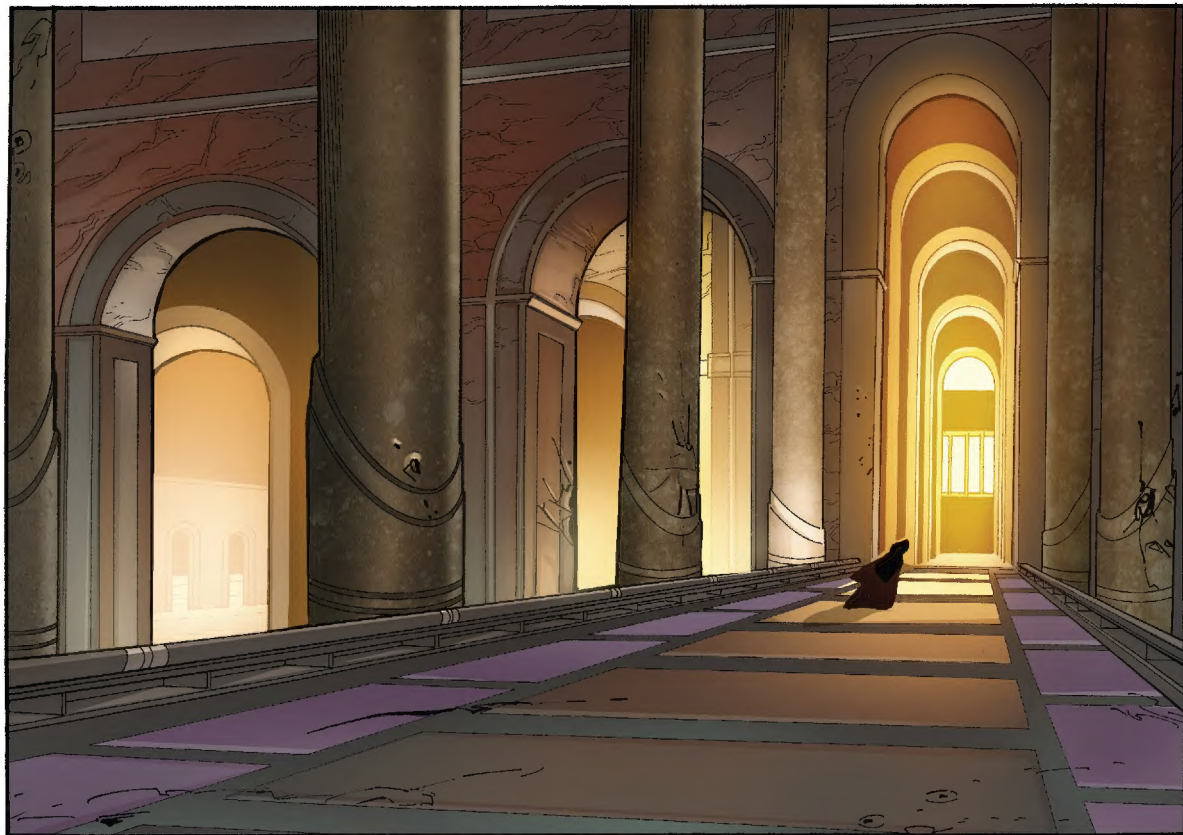
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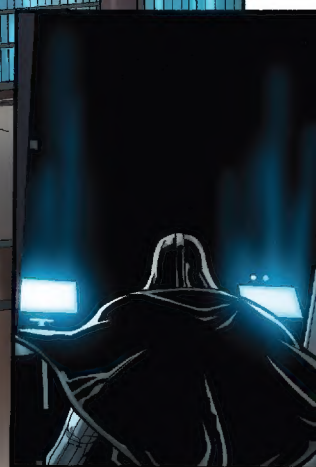


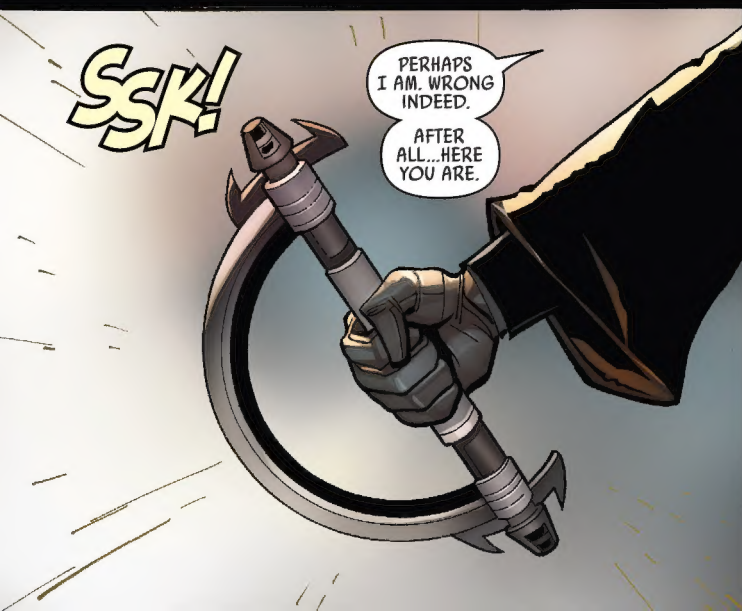
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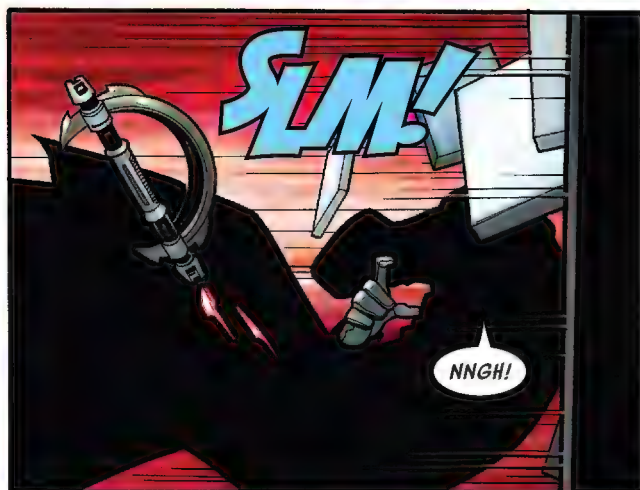


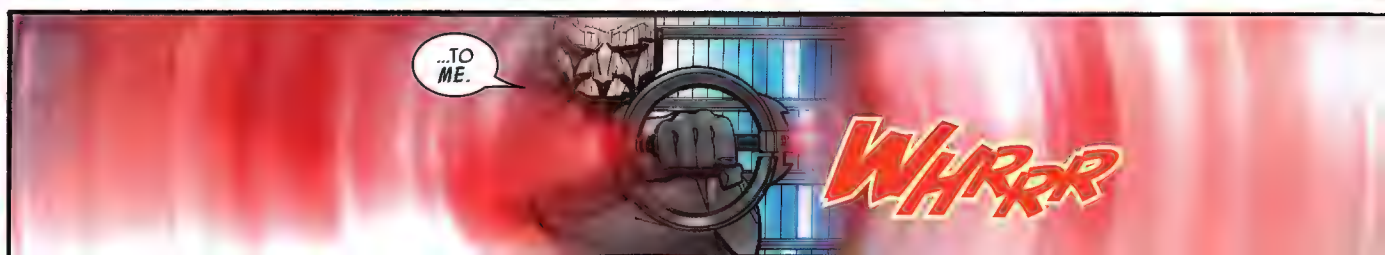
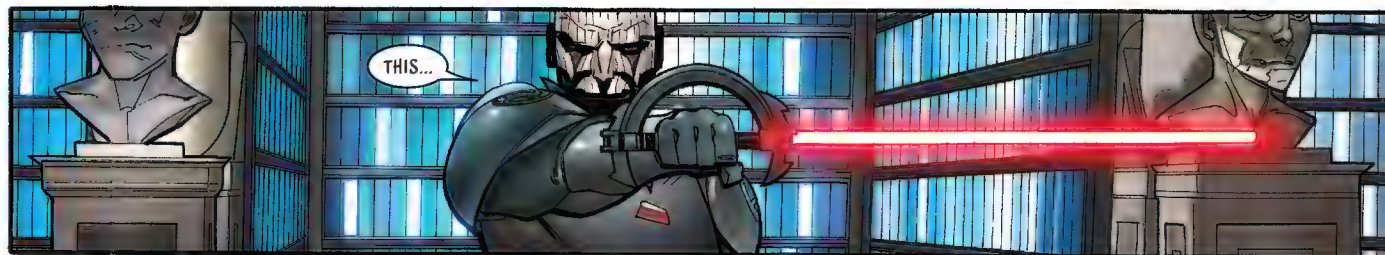
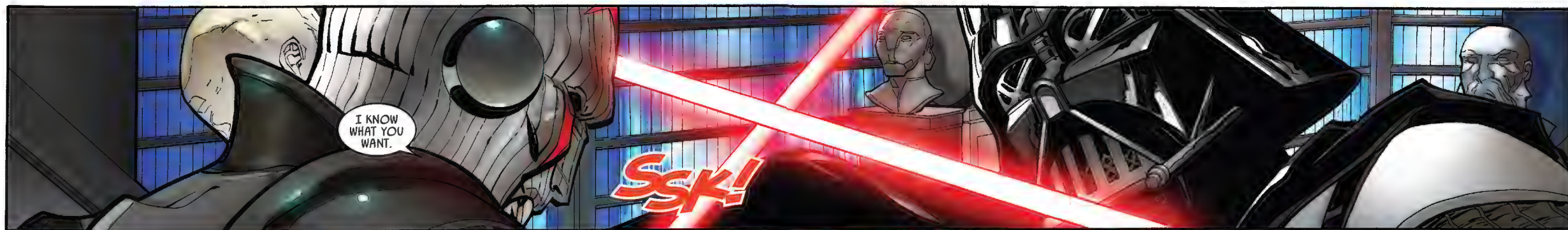
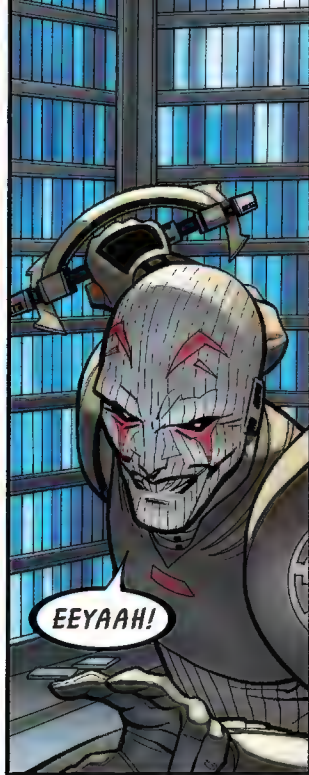
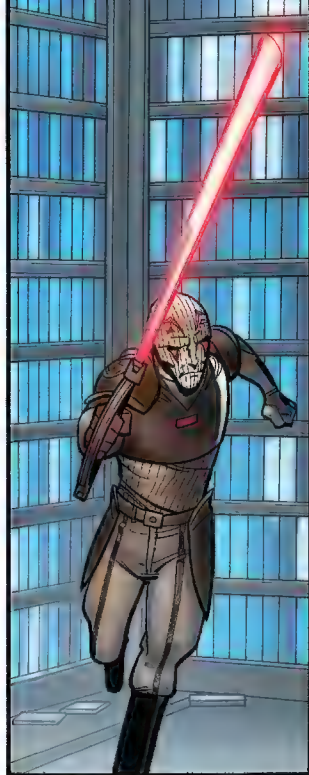
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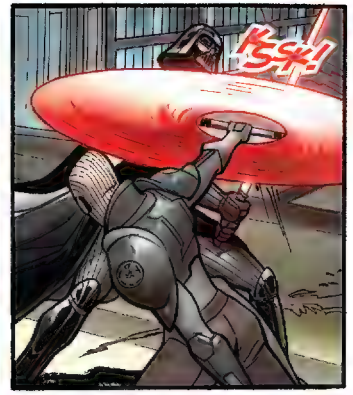




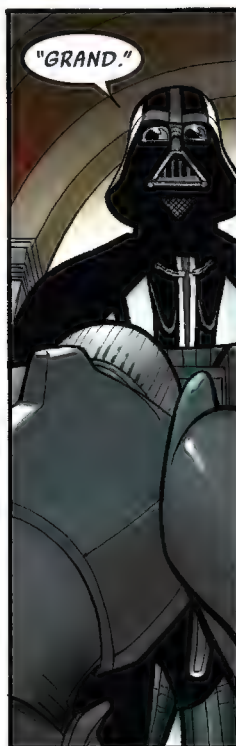














The Works. Industrial District.

"THE
INQUISITORIUS."

A PROJECT
OF MINE, LONG
PLANNED.

SLAVES TO
THE LIGHT SIDE,
ONCE, NOW
AWAKE.

HUNTERS,
ONE AND
ALL.

WHAT
DO THEY
HUNT?

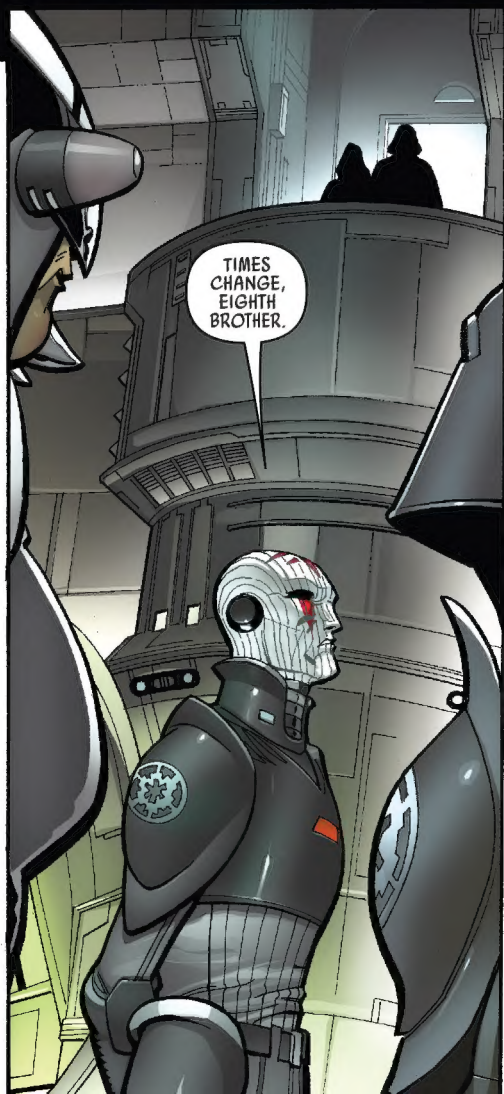
WHY,
JEDI, OF
COURSE.



FORM UP.
NOW.

YOUR
MASTERS
ARE HERE.

MASTERS?
WE HAVE ONLY
ONE MASTER.
THE EMPEROR.



TIMES
CHANGE,
EIGHTH
BROTHER.



THE GRAND INQUISITOR. HE
HAD SKILLS. HE WAS TRAINED,
AT SOME POINT. WHO
IS HE?

A JEDI,
ONCE. RESENTFUL THAT
SOMEONE WITH HIS SKILL WAS
NOT ALLOWED ACCESS TO
THE HIGHER COUNCILS, THE
GREAT SECRETS OF
THE ORDER.

A CRACK IN
HIS ARMOR...EASY TO
EXPLOIT. IN TRUTH, HE IS
BETTER SUITED TO THIS ROLE.
I BELIEVE HE IS...GRATEFUL.



YOU SENT
ME TO ATTACK HIM.
IF HE HAD BEATEN ME...
WOULD HE NOW BE
AT YOUR SIDE?



YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW BETTER THAN TO DWELL ON WHAT *COULD HAVE BEEN*, MY FRIEND.

WAS THERE ANY CHANCE THE GRAND INQUISITOR COULD HAVE DEFEATED YOU?



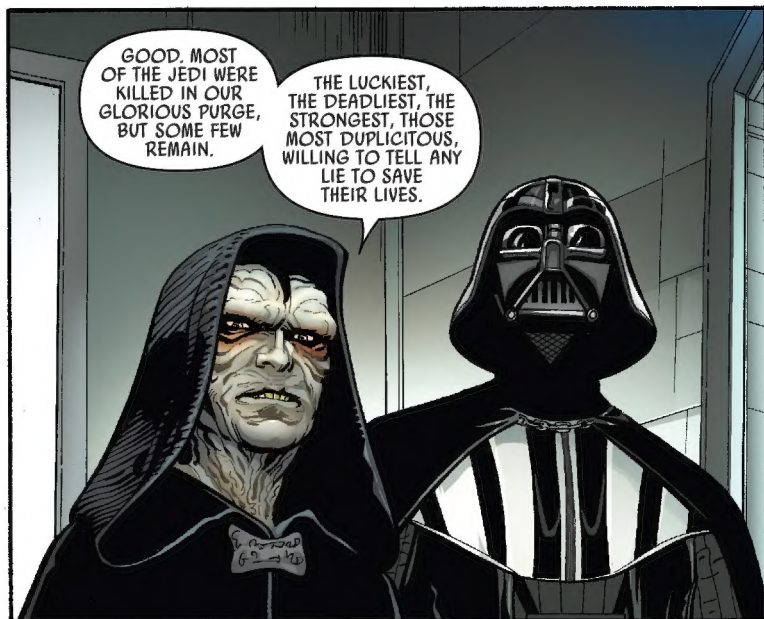
NO.

PRECISELY.



HE HAS MUCH TO LEARN, AS DO THE OTHERS. YOU WILL TEACH THEM--MAKE THEM A BLADE THAT WILL CUT THE JEDI INFECTION FROM THE GALAXY ONCE AND FOR ALL.

I WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, MY MASTER.



GOOD. MOST OF THE JEDI WERE KILLED IN OUR GLORIOUS PURGE, BUT SOME FEW REMAIN.

THE LUCKIEST, THE DEADLIEST, THE STRONGEST, THOSE MOST DUPlicitous, WILLING TO TELL ANY LIE TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.



YOU AND THE INQUISITORS MUST *FIND* THESE JEDI, LORD VADER. YOU MUST DESTROY THEM ALL.

FOR IN TRUTH...

"...THERE IS
NO GREATER
THREAT TO OUR
EMPIRE."



DARTH VADER

NEXT ISSUE!

